

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Examiner Amendment in the NOA, the Examiner showed amendments to claims 47, 54, 61, and 68. However the claim language to which the amendments were shown did not comprise the current version of these claims. Applicants submit herein amendments the Examiner made in the NOA to the version of claims 47, 54, 61, and 68 prior to the NOA. Applicants also make the following additional amendments.

Claims 1-46, 48-53, 55-60, 61-67, and 69-75 in the above listing includes the amendments the Examiner made in the NOA. Additionally, Applicants amend claims 1 and 10 to recite that write data is coded.

Applicants amend claim 47 to include the Examiner amendments to claim 47, but amended to recite the operations as performed by the interface device and did not include a processor and memory as added in the Examiner Amendment. Applicants submit that the interface device is a tangible item as defined in the filed Specification. See, FIG. 10, para. 43 of the filed Specification. Thus, Applicants submit there is no need to recite the processor and memory in the claim language as the Examiner did in the NOA because the interface device is defined in the Specification to comprise a tangible device. Claims 54-60 are canceled.

In amending the version of claims 61 and 68 prior to the NOA, Applicants include the Examiner amendments in the NOA. However, Applicants do not include the term “non-transitory” and amend the claims to recite “computer readable medium” Applicants submit that the filed Specification defines “computer readable media” to comprise tangible subject matter, such as magnetic storage, optical storage, and volatile and non-volatile memory devices. See, para. 69 of the filed Specification.

Applicants further amend claim 61 to recite that the operations are performed by the I/O manager or the controller, which are implemented in tangible media.

Applicants amend claim 68 to clarify that the operations are performed by the controller in communication with the I/O manager in the host device.

Applicants further make clarification amendments to the claims to place in better form.

Applicants submit that any amendment to the claims herein does not comprise acquiescence or admission that any canceled, amended or supplemented subject matter that existed prior to the amendments herein is not patentable. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claimed subject matter as presented prior to the amendments herein during subsequent prosecution of the present application and in any continuation or related applications.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-16, 44-46, 48-53, 62-67, and 69-75 are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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